IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: P.J. LaCour et al. Attorney Docket No.: MEGC116848  
Application No.: 09/781,128 Group Art Unit: 2815  
Filed: February 9, 2001 Examiner: C.C. Chu  
Title: DATA MANAGEMENT METHOD FOR RETICLE/MASK WRITING

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

February 24, 2004

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- X   1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.  
       2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	26	-	33	=	0	x	18	=	0
Independent Claims	13	-	19	=	0	x	86	=	0
TOTAL									\$0

B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated August 25, 2003, set to expire on November 25, 2003, be extended by 3 months, to expire on February 25, 2004. The enclosed check includes the 3-month extension fee of \$950.00.

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C. Fees Enclosed

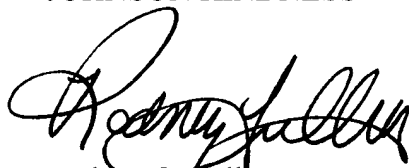
Enclosed is our Check No. 153943 in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the amendment claim fee and request for extension of time fee.

D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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